

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS

Greatest Clown in the World

Unfolds Some Secrets.

20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

A CHRISTMAS PARTY BEHIND THE SCENES.

A Christmas Tree and a Real Santa Claus for Stage Children.

Written for The Star.

Could any career be more delightful than to be the adored clown of over a million children? Such has been the good fortune of Marceline, the acrobat pantomimist now in this country, whose antics have brought joy not only to a large proportion of the civilized children in the world, but to equally as many grown-ups, including most of the crowned heads of Europe.

The children, however, can be numbered by the hundreds of thousands who worship him as part of themselves, and it is to the children that he reveals the wonders of his art. When I went, a few days since, to ask him the secret of his power to entertain them, his reply was:

"It is to the children themselves. I can always perform twice as well when the theater is crowded with children. All sorts of funny tricks come to me which I have never thought of before, and when I hear their little voices laughing out from in front of the footlights my feet become like feathers and I tumble in every direction."

His entire spirit is one of bubbling mirth, and herein unquestionably is the first principle of giving children a good time, though it is so inherent in Marceline that he scarcely realizes how powerful a factor it is in his success. He simply overflows with good nature, and his advice is:

"Be so filled with the thought of fun and a rollicking, jolly good time that the children cannot fail to catch the feeling of merriment and become a part of it. They are keenly susceptible to a grown person's mood, and if one note of anything but gaiety enters your mind and actions they will lose interest immediately."

Now the Funny Side.

When he is on the stage he never gets the audience's attention without impressing them by the expression of his face and the quick, almost jumping-jack way in which he makes every move, with his joyousness and frolicking playfulness. And yet when I met Marceline off the stage he was no child, but a wide-awake man, who keenly appreciated the value of his body and saw a humorous side to whatever was going on around him.

"Children love quick action," was Marceline's next suggestion. "Every child has to move with a vim to keep them entertained. If they are playing games, the moment the game is finished there must be another game or trick ready, and it is a great mistake to let them play any game for more than three rounds, no matter how they may be enjoying it. When they are particularly like a stunt I follow it up with one very similar, but their alert brains are always ready for it, and if the applause or laughter is strong in the first one it is doubly increased for the second."

"There is nothing children like better than the delight of a clown's movements as quick as a man who juggles with his hands. For instance, when I tumble off the elephant's head to the stage, I am on my feet before the audience has scarcely had time to realize that I have fallen. And as I make a dive through the crowd of players toward the back of the stage, if I find space enough, I accidentally trip, and in a twinkling I am on my nose and up again."

Want Action.

"It is just the same when children are among themselves. They may have one kind of fun that they like better than any other, but get out of it, and all their fun is over, and before you know it they are on doing something else with equally as much enthusiasm. They want activity, and they want it in as many different ways as they can have it."

Recalling his famous little whistle and a unique way he has of jumping up and down with lightning rapidity, I asked him what the object was of this, and he replied that it was to get the children's attention, and that he made it so distinctly his own. He told me that children are born imitators and they are perfectly happy if they are able to do what he does. He said that he had seen a clown or any other performer do.

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Always Laughable.

"One of the most successful stunts I do is a somersault over the backs of eight men. But it isn't the somersault, it is the way I do it, and the fancy of the children. It is my imitation of the different men as they walk onto the stage. There are all sorts of characters, a pronounced type of a Jew, an Irishman, a Dutchman, etc., and in all sorts of sizes. As each character comes on the stage, I make a little bow and then I come forward with the same peculiar manner of gestures which he used, and peals of laughter from the children are the result."

"A laughable make-up, too," continued the great clown, "that is a big attraction for the children. As you know your friend from the typical clown in the tent circus. My get-up, with baggy dress suit, the red necktie and the red wig hasn't much in common with the usual meal-bag clown, but it has made me a funny figure for twenty years, and when the children's fathers bring them to the stage door to see me, if my make-up is off they always look at me with utter indifference and say: 'Why, that isn't Marceline!'"

And they might add a ridiculously funny monkey face to the great clown's face and smeared on his forehead and mouth and

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WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1905.

FOR GERMAN ORPHANS

ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF LOCAL ASYLUM.

The twenty-sixth annual report of the German Orphan Asylum, on Good Hope road, Anacostia, has just been issued. It is signed by William F. Meyers, the secretary, for the board of directors, and is written in German and English. Concerning the operations of the asylum for the past year it is stated that "at the beginning of the year the number of inmates was forty-six, twenty-eight boys and eighteen girls. Twelve children were admitted during the year and seven were discharged, leaving at the end of the fiscal year fifty-one children, twenty-nine boys and twenty-two girls. With the exception of two boys and one girl, who were placed to learn a trade, all were returned to surviving parents or relatives. The health of the orphans has been exceptionally good, only a few cases of so-called children's diseases occurring. The board of directors has endeavored with great care to place orphans to learn a trade or profession."

The board mentions its great loss through the death of two of its most valued workers, namely, William H. Veerhoff and Andreas Loeffler. Both were untiring in their efforts in the interest of the institution and were always ready to help where help was wanted. The conduct of the children, as well as their progress, has been satisfactory. The superintendent and matron have executed their difficult tasks to the satisfaction of the board; cleanliness and order is the rule of the house. The Christmas celebration, held at the institution the Sunday after Christmas, was well attended. An enjoyable program was presented by the orphan children. Thanks are extended to Lieut. William A. Sauter and a part of the Marine Band, which voluntarily and gratuitously furnished excellent music. On Monday, June 12, the orphans had an enjoyable trip to River View through the generosity of the officers of the Concordia Sunday school, who took them to the river for a picnic. At the picnic the orphans had a treat of ice cream and cake, as well as prize running, jumping, etc.

Thanks for Benefactions.

The board acknowledges the public spirit and beneficent charity of many of the citizens of the District, who have furnished the institution clothing, food and other supplies so liberally. The board of directors realizes, it states, that its aim to become self-supporting and independent requires great effort, energy and work, not only of the directors, but on the part of citizens. Congress again appropriated \$1,500 for the maintenance of fifteen children under contract with the board of charities. During the past year the home has been kept in good repair, many minor repairs in tinning, plumbing and flooring were ordered and executed; all windows and doors were screened through the generosity of the Ladies Sewing Society. The steps at the front or main entrance have been ornamented by new iron gates and iron vases placed at the side of the steps. At the request of the Commissioners of the District fire escapes have been placed on the north side of the building, from the dormitories to the ground and nine fire extinguishers with hose, etc., have been placed in different parts of the building.

Attention is called to the financial report, which shows receipts amounting to \$5,898.30, with expenditures of \$4,954.42, leaving a cash balance September 30, 1905, of \$943.88. Reports are appended of the Ladies Aid Society and the Ladies Sewing Society. Mr. Jacob Gerstenberg, the superintendent, reports that the farm work and inventory of the stock. The officers of the German Orphan Asylum for the year ending September 30, 1906, are: Fred Imhof, president; William F. Meyers, vice president; William F. Meyers, secretary, and Charles G. Rogier, treasurer.

TALK ON IMPROVED METHODS.

Lectures Expounding Theories to Farmers—Farmers' Grange Election. Special Correspondence of The Star.

UPPER MARLBORO, December 15, 1905. The first lecture on the subject of improved methods of tobacco, corn and poultry raising by experts from the Department of Agriculture and the Maryland department of farmers' institutes, to the agriculturists of northern Maryland, was given yesterday at Northampton, being delivered by the department of agriculture, and the steamer left Baltimore Tuesday night, and by daylight was well into the Patuxent river.

At Hollands Cliff, Judge J. A. C. Bond of Washington pointed out the old Fort Detachment, the place where the first Quakers came to Maryland and where the Johns and Washington families resided. He called attention to the place where Gen. Barney, who led the flight of the American troops at Bladensburg, came up the river and landed in 1814 to defend Washington. Every time the boat lands at a wharf over 100 persons, farmers and their families, come aboard and listen with marked interest to what the experts talk about. An interesting feature of the work is the corn walk, which is a contest between the farmers, state agriculturists, Maryland Agricultural College. Mr. G. Arthur Bell of the Department of Agriculture is lecturing on the subject of the corn walk, and his audience was made up for the most part of ladies.

At the meeting of the Maryland State Farmers' Grange, which adjourned yesterday, Mr. Joseph B. Ager of Hyattsville, Md., was elected state master, and Dr. H. C. McCallum of Parkersburg, Md., secretary. Mr. J. B. Ager of Hyattsville was named as Ceres, and Mr. Henry J. Patterson of the district of Columbia was named as the secretary of the grange. The session adopted a resolution that the sale of cigarettes and cigars within the state and also indorsed the Haman oyster planting bill.

CHARLES SEUBERLEK MISSING.

Bladensburg Truck Farmer Disappeared After Coming to This City.

The mysterious disappearance from the city last Tuesday of Charles Seuberlek, forty-six years old, a truck farmer of Bladensburg, Md., is causing his family and friends some uneasiness. An appeal has been made to the police for assistance, his continued absence having alarmed them, and they fear he has been murdered.

Monday morning he drew \$100 from bank and bought a horse, paying \$85 for the animal. Tuesday he returned to the city and traded the horse for another animal. Later he was seen in a lunch room. When he failed to return home Tuesday night and the hospital records failed to show that he had been taken to any of them for treatment, Mrs. Seuberlek became uneasy and sought the aid of Attorney Robert W. Wells. The attorney accompanied her to police headquarters yesterday and had her tell Capt. Amis of her husband's absence.

Detectives Helin and McNamee were detailed upon the case by Capt. Amis and are making an investigation. A number of horse traders with whom it is thought Seuberlek had dealings, were summoned to police headquarters yesterday and questioned by Capt. Amis. Some of them recalled seeing Seuberlek Tuesday. The day he made the trade, but none of them was able to give information that would solve the mystery of his disappearance. The missing man is said to have been of sober habits. He is president of the German Vorwarts Club of Bladensburg and a member of the board of directors of the Prince George county almshouse.

Policeman Has Appendicitis.

Policeman Quail of the eighth precinct was taken suddenly ill Thursday night while on duty. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital, where his trouble was diagnosed as appendicitis. He was taken to his room at the Thysen House later in the night. He had a similar attack some time ago.

DOMINICANS OBJECT.

Fear That Pending Treaty Gives to Morales Too Much Power.

It developed at a meeting of the Senate committee on foreign relations yesterday that it is Santo Domingo and not the United States that is anxious to have amended the pending treaty in relation to the Dominican Republic. The seventh articles of the treaty provides that the United States shall grant the latter such assistance as the United States may deem proper to restore credit, preserve order, increase the efficiency of the civil administration and advance the material progress and welfare of the Dominican Republic.

This article is construed to give the United States authority to send warships to the ports of the republic to enforce the terms of the treaty and put down any disorders that might threaten the smooth operation of the government. Secretary Root was before the Senate committee yesterday and testified that the Dominican people desired to have the treaty amended to provide that such assistance may be called for by the congress of Santo Domingo. Under the present phraseology it appears that the authority to call upon the United States rests with the president of Santo Domingo. Opposition to the plan of such great concern has been manifested in the republic, and it is said that without the amendment the Dominican Republic will refuse to ratify the convention. It is claimed by the Dominican opponents to the present treaty that if put in operation in the present form Morales could hold the presidency forever and that his heirs would take it in succession.

Relief for the Russian Jews.

To the Editor of The Star: Permit me to correct an erroneous statement which appeared in some of the American daily papers about the representative of the "bund" or General Jewish Workingmen's League of Russia and Poland, Dr. M. Gurevitz, who has just arrived in this country. The announcement that this man is "to supervise the gathering of the Jews in Russia as well as for the fight against the government," is utterly incorrect. The Jewish Self-Defense Association, recently organized and headed by Dr. J. L. Magnus, has absolutely nothing in common with any political party or parties. Its sole and only object is to protect the Jews who are in constant dread of their tormentors, to defend themselves, protect their lives and properties and the honor of their wives and daughters. The association is merely a means of defense of every Jew who is afforded means of defense for the Jews in Russia against all that may attack them. The association is not a revolutionary mob or a group of anarchy and anarchy rule. The Jewish Defense Association has now received the sanction of such reliable persons as Louis Marshall, Jacob H. Schiff, Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, etc. Next to the general relief fund this defense association is a most laudable cause, and full worthy of the support of every Jew and peace-loving man. All those desirous to send their contributions for the Jewish Self-Defense Association will please direct them to Dr. J. L. Magnus, 105 East Broadway, New York city, or to Jacob H. Schiff, specifying the purpose for which they are sent.

Rabbi Congregation Adath-Israel.

Returns to Penitentiary.

George E. Lorenz, who has been in this city for a week past as a witness for the government in the case of William G. Crawford, will return to the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundsville this afternoon.

Grand Jury Indictments.

The grand jury yesterday afternoon reported indictments against the following: Arthur Williams, Eugene Smith, George Brennan alias Smith, Clarence Howlett alias Kenneth Freeman, Robert Vody, Bunch Hill and Thomas McDonough, each for housebreaking. George Jackson, for larceny. Thomas Varnon, Charles Reynolds and Samuel Vaughn, each for robbery. Eugene Smith, for larceny. Indictments in larceny. William Ford, for embezzlement.

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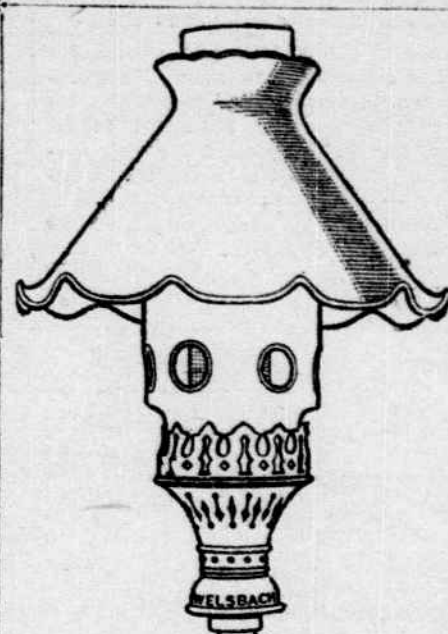
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